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TODAY'S
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THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy with
local rain. Colder
extreme north por-
tion to-night.

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"BIG THREE" WILLING TO ACCEPT FEW RESERVATIONS

ACCEPT IN A SPIRIT OF THANK YOU

"AS PRICE FOR AMERICAN AID ALLIES PREPARED TO SWALLOW SENATE RESERVATION," SO THAT PEACE CAN BE DECLARED AND WORLD COMPOSED.

(By United Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 13.—The conference of the "Big Three" held here late yesterday afternoon showed an inclination on the part of Great Britain, France and Italy to accept reasonable reservations to the peace treaty offered by the American Senate, according to opinion in official circles here today. The Belgium representative and Ambassador Davis were called into conference with Premiers Lloyd-George and Clemenceau and Foreign Minister Scinola.
One official said he believed "as a price for American aid the allies are prepared to swallow most of the Senate reservations."
The German situation is reported as having been disposed of by the "Big Three" without difficulty.

Let Russia Fight It Out.
(By United Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 13.—Allied Representatives in conference, here have decided definitely to let Russia settle her own difficulties. They say no further aid will be given Admiral Kolchak.

COUNTESS TAKES INVALID HUSBAND TO N. D. RANCH.
Married American Doughboy She Met on Argonne Battlefield, Now and Invalid.

(By United Press.)
DICKINSON, N. D., Dec. 13.—Another war romance, "stranger than fiction," came to light here when Countess Marie von Schellschmidt, of French and English nobility, purchased a 4,900 acre ranch near Medora, a village in the western part of the state, made famous by the fact that it is near the Dakota ranch of the late Col. Theodore Roosevelt.

To this farm the countess is bringing her invalid husband, an American doughboy of German descent, who before being called to the colors was employed on a farm near here.

The countess and Robert A. Schellschmidt were married last July in Billings, Mont. They met on the Argonne battlefield when the countess, member of the Napoleon Grey Capes, administered first aid to the unconscious gassed private. She visited him later in the hospital and upon learning that his name was the same as that of her first husband, a German baron, conducted an investigation that proved the patient to be a cousin of the baron.

Both went their way; the soldier back to battle and the nurse to her ministrations of mercy. In her work she was sent to America a year ago to work in Wyoming during the influenza epidemic. In Cheyenne they met again when the soldier received his honorable discharge and they were married.

TEACHERS FORM UNION
(By United Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The Associated Teachers' Union, organized among college professors here, has been admitted to the American Federation of Labor. Its constitution prohibits strikes.

COMMISSION FOR LOCATING EXPO TO MEET TODAY

UNDER ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE NOT BELIEVED THAT A SITE WILL BE AWARDED, UNLESS PENSACOLA AGREES TO BUILD AT ITS OWN EXPENSE.

Following a visit to St. Augustine and a conference with Hon. W. A. McWilliams, a member of the Centennial Exposition Commission the committee from the city council and the Business Mens Association decided that there is little use to go to Jacksonville today to attend the meeting of the commission, as it is hardly probable that an exposition site will be named by the commission.

The act which the legislature passed provided for the selection of a site but did not provide funds, as had been believed, for defraying a portion of the cost of such an exposition. Without an appropriation from the state it is realized that the federal government would not make an appropriation. Without state and government aid such an exposition as is planned could not be held.

The act also provides that the exposition should be open by November 1920, six months before the legislature meets. This would preclude the possibility of an appropriation being made by the state. It would also be impossible to construct a suitable exposition in time for opening in November of next year.

Mr. McWilliams told the committee, very frankly, that he did not believe that one third of the members of the legislature would vote for an appropriation of any size for the exposition. Following the disclosures at St. Augustine Palatka did not send a committee to Jacksonville to attend today's hearing.

FUNERAL OF MRS. WILLARD.
Same Choir and Same Service As Used at Husband's Funeral.

All that was mortal of Mrs. A. S. Willard, whose sad death occurred in Washington last Tuesday, following injuries she sustained when struck by an automobile, were laid to rest this morning at 10 o'clock in West View cemetery beside the husband whose grave still showed recent commitment of "dust to dust."

Friends of the deceased, who knew her in bright girlhood days, paid their last loving tribute. Flowers in abundance expressed the sorrow of those who might not be present in person and sorrowing hearts gave ready sympathy to the bereaved father and daughter.

The funeral service was conducted at St. Marks' church by Rev. J. H. Webber-Thompson and the musical program was rendered by the same choir which sang the same songs as those at the funeral of Mr. A. S. Willard nine months ago. At the church the choir sang "On the Resurrection Morning," and Jesus' Lover of My Soul. At the grave "Asleep in Jesus" and "Nunc di mitis" were rendered.

REWARD FOR MURDERER.
TALLAHASSEE, Dec. 13.—Gov. Catts has offered a reward of one hundred and fifty dollars for the arrest and conviction of the unknown party or parties, who, on November 11, in the town of Orange City, Volusia county, murdered Mrs. S. D. Clark, the civil authorities, after diligent effort having found it impossible to apprehend and capture them.

URGE EXTREME PENALTY FOR PUTTING POISON ALCOHOL IN WHISKEY

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Extreme penalties will be urged for prohibition violators found guilty of selling whiskey containing wood alcohol, the revenue bureau warned today. Reports from New York for the week of December first show fourteen deaths from drinking such liquor which is selling as high as twenty-dollars per quart.

COLD WAVE COMING.

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Weather reports indicate a cold wave throughout the Southeastern states by Sunday morning.

USE FOR FLANDERS MUD.

Is Being Used For Reconstructing Houses In Belgium.

(By United Press.)
ROULERS, Belgium, Dec. 13.—Flanders mud, the bane of all the armies that operated in Belgium, is of some use after all.

Lime is practically unobtainable in Belgium to-day and in many of the ruined villages, the refugees are laying stones and bricks with mud for temporary shelter against the coming winter. Others fill the chimneys and walls with it, and altogether it is becoming as much of a comfort to the refugees as it was a handicap to the soldiers who lived in it for months.

At Dixmude there is a little, low, cave-like building, made of stones from the old pretentious city wall. They are laid in the red mud of the nearby battlefields and over the top of it are arched pieces of sheet iron from British dugouts. In this little building, containing three tiny rooms, the affairs of the city are carried on, in one room an architect is at work on estimates of damage done to public buildings in the city. In another room the fortnightly supply of coal is issued and another room contains cloth, shoes blankets and other articles which the Americans have supplied.

The mayor, by far the busiest man in town, divides his time between public affairs, weighing out coal, distributing supplies and cleaning mortar off of old bricks from the ruin of his house. He is laying these in mud, too, for his winter's shelter. His example is being widely followed in Dixmude and surrounding villages.

SUGAR GROWING IN FLORIDA.

One Concern Takes Option on 90,000 Acres For Raising Cane.

JACKSONVILLE, Dec. 13.—Interest in Florida as the future sugar bowl of the United States has already become more evident since the publication of the resolution of the Southern Commercial Congress, in Savannah, endorsing this state for federal aid to develop its sugar lands. Yesterday a wealthy Easterner walked into the office of Secretary J. L. Wallace, of the Jacksonville real estate board, through whose efforts the action at Savannah was taken with the story in his pocket. The Easterner, associated with two other men from that section, had just taken an option on 90,000 acres of Florida sugar lands, which they will at once pass upon as to its fitness for sugar production. If it is found suitable for that purpose they will proceed to develop it. If it does not prove suitable to sugar, they will secure other lands which will serve that purpose.

PRESIDENT MAY TAKE A HAND IN ENACTING RAILWAY LEGISLATION

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Activities at the White House today indicated that President Wilson might send a message to Congress early next week in regard to railroad legislation. Members of his staff were at the railroad administration gathering data and there were other evidence that President Wilson expects to act very soon on the question of return of the roads to private ownership.

SKELETON NEAR
WHITE SPRINGS.

Hunters Find Bleached Bones In An Isolated Swamp.

VALDOSTA, Ga., Dec. 13.—Hunters near the Suwannee river, about two miles from White Springs, Fla., were very much surprised yesterday when they ran upon the skeleton of a man in a thick clump of scrub palmetto. The find was made an what is known as the Cone land.

By the side of the bleached, but undisturbed bones of a man, lay the remains of a gun. The wooden stock had long since returned to dust, and only the barrel remained, showing it to have been an old-fashioned double-barreled 16-bore gun, of the muzzle-loading variety, now almost entirely out of date. The man's shoes were in decayed state where his feet had fallen into decay.

Finding this skeleton recalled to old residents of White Springs that perhaps fifteen years ago two men named Herndon and Hutchinson became lost about the same time, and nothing has ever been heard of either one of them since. This led to the belief that the skeleton might have been one of these missing men. At the time of their disappearance it was thought that perhaps they had been murdered or drowned in the river.

WOULD GIVE BIG STILLS A CHANCE TO SELL SUPPLY

RIDER ON FOOD STIMULATION
REPEAL BILL PROVIDES SALE
OF LIQUOR FROM DATE TO
JANUARY 16, PROHIBIT FORCES
FIGHT ANY SUCH ACTION IN
HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Repeal of food the stimulation act with a prohibition rider which would allow the sale of liquor from date of repeal to January sixteenth when constitutional prohibition becomes effective was proposed today. Among the witnesses before the committee were members of Congress who said that good faith on the part of Congress Congress demanded that the liquor interests be given a few days grace to dispose of huge stocks to get from under financial ruin. The loss would amount to more than a billion dollars to the liquor interests. Members of the anti-saloon league appeared before the committee in opposition to the measure which was proposed by representative Gallivan of Massachusetts.

DIXIE HOLLINS HERE.

Is Candidate For State Superintendent of Education.

Dixie M. Hollins, candidate for State Superintendent of Education, was a guest in Palatka today, shaking

CONGRESS URGED TO BUILD CANAL ACROSS FLORIDA

MEETING HELD AT FERNANDINA COMPOSED OF DELEGATES FROM THIS COUNTRY AND SOUTH AMERICA—STRONG RESOLUTION.

FERNANDINA, Dec. 13.—That a strong and determined effort is to be made to have congress make an appropriation for survey and construction of a canal across the State of Florida was indicated by a session here yesterday of the Gulf and Atlantic Canal Association. In attendance were delegates from nearly every southern state and from the South American Republics. There were also delegates from Europe.

The delegates first made an inspection trip of St. Mary's river and Cumberland sound and at the session held at the Keystone Hotel passed the following resolutions, introduced by Dr. Clarence J. Owens, director general of the Southern Commercial Congress:

Whereas, the proposed plan for the construction of a canal from Cumberland sound to the Gulf of Mexico is national in its import and international in its relation, and

Whereas the Southern Commercial Congress in its eleventh annual convention in the city of Savannah unanimously approved the canal undertaking and pledged its unqualified cooperation, and

Whereas, the delegation representative of the South, organized by the Southern Commercial Congress has inspected and approved the proposed route for the canal; therefore be it

Resolved by this joint assembly representative of the South in formal session in Fernandina, that a national committee of fifty be organized representative of the states affected from the Dakotas to the South Atlantic and the Gulf, charged with the responsibility of urging immediate action on the part of the congress of the United States in making adequate appropriations for the survey of the route and the completion of the canal.

TOURIST RECORDS BROKEN

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 13.—Registers at the board of trade rooms where winter visitors write their names and addresses, according to the states from which they come, show there are now in St. Petersburg as many visitors as were here in the first part of January last winter. The number of names on the registers is now more than double the number at this time last year and the general public accepts the figures on the registers as the best indication of the size of the crowd here, it being estimated that only one in three persons who come here registers. There are now on the books 4,741 names and at the same time last year there were only 2,865 names and that was ahead of all previous seasons.

hands with old friends and greeting new ones.

Mr. Hollins is being endorsed by the progressive school interests of the state, as well as the leading citizens of his own county and south Florida. His home is in Pinellas county, where he has been county Superintendent of Schools for a number of years. During that time he established the schools of Pinellas county on a basis that is standard for the state.

After the holidays Mr. Hollins will make an active canvass, presenting to the people of the state his views of the needs for more progressive ideas in education in Florida.

RESTRICTIONS ON FUEL USE ARE REMOVED

COAL PRODUCTION IS RAPIDLY NEARING NORMAL WITH RETURN OF MEN TO WORK—MUST CONSERVE TO CREATE A RESERVE

(By United Press.)

ATLANTA, Dec. 13.—All trains discontinued will be restored at 12:01 Monday morning, all restrictions of use of lights and power are immediately discontinued by an order of the regional railway director, on advice from Washington, received here last night.

Heavy rains in the south are making more hydro-electric power available and miners in the south have returned to work one hundred per cent strong.

Federal railroad managers are asked to observe the priority list in delivering consignments of coal to consumers and to serve the first five classes, but to serve the sixth and seventh if possible. Domestic consumers are allowed to purchase only one ton at a time.

The committee wants a suspension of heat and light regulations, but does not guarantee a plentiful fuel supply. Consumers must conserve until the production is normal and a reserve stock again is built up.

NORMAL PRODUCTION NEAR.

(By United Press.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Normal coal production is closer today. Encouraging reports on the number of miners returning to pits were received by the operators' representatives here. Some attempts are being made to get Union consent to work on Sunday in order to get a good start.

MINIMUM LOAD TOO HIGH.

Trammell Asks Rescinding of Order For Loading Citrus Fruit.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(Special)—Senator Park Trammell, having been advised by protesting Florida citrus growers and shippers that an order has been made requiring that all refrigerator and ventilated cars should contain a minimum of 432 boxes of citrus fruit to the car, has entered upon active steps in an effort to obtain a modification of the order. He has taken up the matter personally with the railroad administration in Washington and today sent a telegram to the regional directors of both the railroad and fuel administration at Atlanta, Ga., as follows:

"I am informed that you have caused the railroads to issue an order requiring that no car of citrus fruit be accepted unless it contains a minimum of 432 boxes. Formerly 300 boxes was the minimum, and then it was raised to 360 boxes during the congestion last year. I submit that a minimum of 432 boxes to the car works a great hardship and injustice upon the growers of Florida and I suggest and earnestly request that if such order exists it should immediately be modified and the minimum requirements reduced."

A SENATORIAL FARCE.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Senator LaFollette today continued his assault on the Cummins railroad bill which contains an anti-strike provision. LaFollette has been speaking against the bill four days. Today he denounced the injunction proceedings resorted to by the government to stop the coal strike.